

# African Clawed Frogs



## What do we look like?

African clawed frogs, like me have flat bodies. I also have small round eyes that are placed on top of my head, but I don't have any eyelids. My front limbs are much smaller than my rear limbs. My front limbs have four fingers sticking out stiffly from my body. My back legs are very large, webbed, and three of my toes have small claws at the tips of them. I do not have visible ears, and my skin is smooth with a stitched appearance. My back is various shades of olive green with large gray splotches. The underside of my body is a creamy white. It could also be a slightly yellow color.



## Where do we live?

You'll find us in the grasslands, ponds, and lakes of arid (dry) and semi-arid regions found across most of Southern Africa. You can also find us along the Western boundary of the Great African Rift. We like warmer waters with lots of places for us to hide in.



## What could we possibly eat?

Frogs like us eat small worms, insects, and guppies or even smaller frogs. We use our fingers to direct food towards our mouths. If you ever see us when we eat, our eyes close automatically when we swallow.



## Here are some cool facts...

- We are also called Genus *Xenopus* (zee-no-pus), meaning "strange foot".
- Both males and females make calls from underwater, however the males do not have vocal sacs. They make a clicking sound lasting about half a second and can produce 100 clicks per minute. The clicks can be heard at a distance of 100 yards.
- Using our finned legs, we can swim in any direction, even backwards, with ease.
- We are air-breathing amphibians so we depend on our well developed lungs. We are well-suited for aquatic life.
- Some reports claim we can live up to 30 years!

